

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION TO SUBPOENA THE SO-CALLED RAGOSTA REPORT FROM THE
WARWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of children attending the City's public schools are of particular concern to the members of the Warwick City Council; and

WHEREAS, there were allegations that a teacher at Gorton Junior High School inappropriately touched students and there was an investigation by Attorney Vincent A. Ragosta of how school department administrators dealt with the situation; and

WHEREAS, the investigation by Attorney Ragosta has been completed and a report provided to the School Committee but the School Committee has refused to release the report (the "Ragosta Report") to the public despite requests from members of the City Council, the Mayor and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, making the Ragosta Report public would provide information to the public on whether the School Department administrators properly dealt with the situation of alleged inappropriate touching of students by a teacher; and

WHEREAS, release of the Ragosta Report to the public is necessary to restore confidence of the citizens of the City that the School Committee and School Department Administrators are properly addressing issues relative to the safety and welfare of children attending the City's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-14 of the Warwick City Charter states that:
The council shall have power by resolution to inquire into the conduct of any officer, department or agency of the city and to make an investigation relating to city affairs and for such purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and compel the production of books, records, papers and other evidence; and

WHEREAS, the School Department is a department of the City and the City Council desires to subpoena and compel production of the Ragosta Report from the School Department to ensure that the safety and welfare of children attending the City's public schools were properly addressed by School Department Administrators and will be properly addressed in the future.

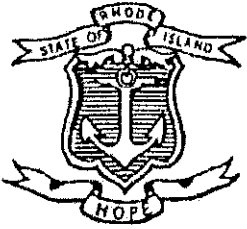
1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby issues the
2 subpoena in the form attached hereto to compel production of the so-called Ragosta Report and
3 authorizes the President of the City Council to sign the subpoena on behalf of the City Council.
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5 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Members of
6 the Warwick School Committee.
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8 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.
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21 COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SUBPOENA
WARWICK CITY COUNCIL

TO:
Warwick School Committee
Superintendent of the Warwick Public Schools

YOU ARE COMMANDED to produce and permit inspection and copying of the following documents or objects at the place, date, and time specified below (list documents or objects):

DOCUMENTS/OBJECTS:

The report of the investigation conducted by Attorney Robert A. Ragosta, the so-called Ragosta Report.

LOCATION:

City Council Chambers
Warwick City Hall
Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886

DATE

September 14, 2015

TIME

7:00 PM

Signature of Authorized City Council Officer:

Donna Travis, Council President

Date

PROOF OF SERVICE

Name

Date